# GENEUARY

## January 2021 - Jewish Genetics Awareness Month



#### WHAT IS GENEUARY?

GENEUARY is a brand new month-long awareness campaign, designed to raise awareness of recessive Jewish genetic disorders and the importance of carrier screening in their prevention.

#### WHAT ARE JEWISH GENETIC **DISORDERS (JGDs)**

JGDs are genetic disorders that are relatively more common among Jewish people. Jnetics focuses on 9 of the most common and severe recessive JGDs that are either fatal in childhood or cause chronic disability and shortened lifespan. 1 in 5 people with Ashkenazi origin is a healthy carrier of one or more of these devastating disorders.



### WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT THEM?

Carrier screening identifies individuals and couples at risk of having a child affected by a severe JGD. 'Carrier couples' who are aware of their status prior to conception can explore several reproductive options available to ensure they don't pass the disorder on to their future children.

#### HOW CAN I GET SCREENED?

**Jnetics offers subsidised** screening, in partnership with the NHS, via The Jnetics Clinic. This is an entirely virtual service, running twice a month.





Find out more & sign up for screening **Jnetics.org/screening** 

